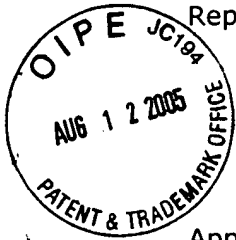


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Applicant: Hideaki Takechi, et al.  
Filed: December 7, 2000  
Title: COMPUTER AND PROGRAM RECORDING MEDIUM  
TC/A.U.: 2131  
Examiner: Christopher A. Revak  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

S I R :

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement stated in the Office Letter dated **April 21, 2005**.

The Examiner requires that claims of either I, claims 6-13 and 15-21; II, claims 7-13 and 15-21; or III, claims 18-21, be elected for prosecution. Applicants elect to prosecute I, claims 6-13 and 15-21, drawn to tamper resistance, classified in class 713, subclass 194, wherein the subject matter includes a physical barrier has been provided to protect a component providing cryptographic processing in a digital processing system.

This election is made with traverse, because Applicants believe that the Restriction Requirement is improper. In an Interview with the Examiner, conducted on January 19, 2005, the Examiner agreed with the undersigned and

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stated that he would withdraw the Restriction Requirement. Applicants, however, are electing to prosecute I, claims 6-13 and 15-21, as required under 35 U.S.C. 121.

Respectfully submitted,



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